REMARKS

This Amendment is a full and timely response to the non-final Office Action of December 2, 2004.

Claims 1-12 remain in this application. Claims 1-5 and 7-9 have been amended and the Specification has been amended.

OBJECTIONS

The Examiner objected to the Specification due to the use of hyperlinks in the Specification. The Specification has been amended at page 10 to remover the hyperlinks.

The Examiner requested correction of the use of trademark terms in the Specification. The Specification has been amended at pages 4 and 17 according to the Examiner's request.

The Examiner objected to Figure 5 based on informalities. The Specification has been amended on pages 20-21 to correct typographically errors in order that it conform to Figure 5. Because the Specification was amended to conform with Figure 5, no new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite "for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Claims 1-5 and 7-9 have been amended to overcome these rejections.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCanne et al., US 6,415,323 (hereinafter McCanne) in view of Lamm et al. , "Real Time Geographic Visualization of World Wide Web Traffic", WWW Journal, Issue 3 (hereinafter Lamm). McCanne discloses a method and system for the delivery of content based on the apparent Internet location of a user and a network of delivery agents. McCanne does not disclose or suggest methods or systems for determining or obtaining the geographic location of a user that accesses an external network, such as the Internet, from a private network through a proxy server. Lamm discloses determining the geographic location of Internet hosts using a method involving registry parsing. Such a method could not be successfully employed for determining the geographic locations of a user in a private network behind a proxy server, because the users in a private network are not necessarily located in the same geographic location as the registered location of the network. For example, using Lamm's method for an AOL® user located in California would result in the geographic location for the AOL® user being determined to be Dulles, Virginia, because Dulles is the registered location of all of AOL®'s users. Lamm does not disclose the utilization of an internal server for determining the geographic location of an Internet user in a private network. Thus, McCanne and Lamm alone or in combination do not disclose or suggest determining or obtaining the geographic location of a user that accesses an external network,
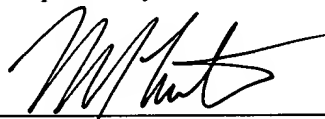
such as the Internet, from a private network through a proxy server. Therefore, claims 1-12 are allowable over McCanne in view of Lamm.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned attorney at 404 815 6061 if he intends to issue anything other than a Notice of Allowance.

No fee is believed to be due, however, if this belief is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Kilpatrick Stockton deposit account no. 11-0855 for any additional fees due, and a copy of this paper is enclosed.

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